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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE PROPOSED REMOVAL ACTION WORK PLAN FOR PCB CONTAMINATED SOILS AT THE FORMER CORPS OF ENGINEERS LABORATORY, SAUSALITO

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is requesting public comment on a proposal to clean up soil contamination at its former geotechnical and chemical testing laboratory at 25 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito. Soil in a portion of this site is contaminated with Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) and petroleum hydrocarbons.

The preferred option for removal of contaminated soil is to (1) excavate approximately 285-cubic yards of soil, (2) place in covered bins, and (3) transport to an approved off-site treatment, storage, and disposal facility. These cleanup options, along with alternatives evaluated, are described in a report called the PCB Removal Action Work Plan, South Pacific Division Laboratory, 25 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, California.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has prepared a Draft General Rule Notice of Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the remediation of contaminated soil at the former geotechnical and chemical testing laboratory.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD December 12, 2005 – January 12, 2006

You are encouraged to comment on both the Removal Action Work Plan and the Notice of Exemption. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will accept written comments on its proposed cleanup plan during a public comment period from December 12, 2005 to January 12, 2006. Written comments must be postmarked by January 12, 2006. The DTSC will accept written comments on its proposed Notice of Exemption during the same public comment period. Written comments must be postmarked by January 12, 2006.

Written comments on the proposed cleanup plan should be sent to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District ATTN: CESPK-PM-M (Feldman) 1325 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Written comments on the proposed Notice of Exemption should be sent to:

Charles Ridenour Department of Toxic Substances Control 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, CA 95826-3200 At the close of the public comment period, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DTSC will consider all public comments received and make final decisions on the proposed cleanup plan and negative declaration. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DTSC will prepare a written response to all comments received during the public comment period, which becomes part of the administrative record.

Questions regarding the Notice of Exemption should be directed to the DTSC Project Manager, Mr. Charles Ridenour. The cleanup plan and Draft Notice of Exemption are available for public review at the information repository:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bay Model Visitor Center 2100 Bridgeway Sausalito, CA 94965 (415) 332-3871

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